

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 5, 2005. Non-elected claims 11-22 have been canceled, without prejudice in view of the Restriction Requirement. Claims 1-10 are now pending.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by Izumi. This Section 102(b) rejection is respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

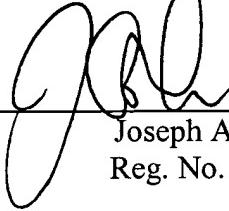
Claim 1 as amended requires “color filters belonging to the first group of a first color, a number of color filters belonging to the second group of a second different color, and a number of color filters belonging to the third group of a third different color, so that some but not all of the color filters of each of the first color, second color, and third color are provided with spacers, the spacers being arranged such that in the selected color filters, the smallest number of color filters of the first, second or third group is at least 80% of the largest number of color filters of the first, second or third group.” In other words, claim 1 has been amended to require that the first, second and third groups of color filters are of first, second and third different colors, and that “some but not all of the color filters of each of the first color, second color, and third color are provided with spacers.” The cited art fails to disclose or suggest the above-underlined requirements of claim 1.

Izumi fail to disclose or suggest the aforesaid underlined features of claim 1. In particular, Izumi in Fig. 5 fails to meet the “some but not all” feature of amended claim 1. Izumi in Figs. 4-5 provides a spacer 7 for each color filter 4, thereby teaching directly away from the invention of claim 1. Claim 1 also defines over Fig. 12(a) of Izumi and Shibahara because these prior art displays provided spacers for only one color of color filter.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that all rejections be withdrawn. All claims are in condition for allowance. If any minor matter remains to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with regard to the same.

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